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Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

I am writing to urge you to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals by granting petition 98P-0151/CP1.

Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

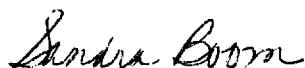
It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.

Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Please stop the slaughter of downed animals.

Sincerely,


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